NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	54,200	54,000	53,800	80,800	81,200	79,700	367,700	365,100	349,900
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,300	10,100	9,900	9,900	40,900	41,100	42,400
Mining	3,900	4,000	4,100	1,500	1,600	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,600	4,200	4,400	26,500	26,700	26,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700	6,100	6,200	6,400	11,200	11,200	10,100
Trade	14,400	14,300	14,400	24,500	24,600	23,200	82,100	82,300	76,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,400	4,300	25,300	25,200	23,400
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,600	13,400	16,000	15,900	15,500	84,600	83,600	76,700
Government	8,200	8,200	8,300	14,600	14,400	14,100	96,000	93,900	92,800
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	132,700	132,100	139,100	58,500	58,400	59,600	65,200	64,900	63,400
Manufacturing	26,400	26,200	29,000	16,000	16,100	17,000	8,400	9,300	9,400
Mining	2,200	2,400	2,800	1,800	1,900	2,100	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,700	9,700	6,300	6,300	6,500	3,600	3,200	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,000	10,100	10,600	2,000	2,000	2,400	3,300	3,300	3,500
Trade	32,600	32,200	32,800	11,100	11,200	11,000	18,800	18,600	17,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est	5,500	5,600	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,200	3,500	3,500	3,200
Services & Misc.	27,300	27,000	28,200	8,100	8,100	8,000	12,600	12,200	11,400
Government	20,100	19,900	20,200	10,900	10,500	10,400	14,900	14,700	14,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	50,200	48,500	48,900	135,700	135,700	133,200	1,329.6	1,320.7	1,292.7
Manufacturing	3,600	3,500	3,600	12,500	12,700	13,100	232.8	232.2	232.4
Mining	1,100	1,200	1,300	7,300	7,400	8,300	24.3	24.5	23.7
Construction	3,000	2,800	2,900	11,000	10,900	10,000	84.4	83.5	81.6
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,600	1,500	1,500	7,700	7,700	7,600	85.3	84.3	81.4
Trade	10,800	10,900	10,600	34,200	34,400	33,400	354.6	353.2	343.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,000	1,900	2,000	6,900	6,900	6,800	128.2	125.6	123.5
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,300	7,200	28,100	28,000	26,700	279.8	277.3	272.4
Government	20,700	19,400	19,800	28,000	27,700	27,300	140.2	140.1	134.7
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	177,200	177,500	174,000	508,700	506,300	490,000	71,400	71,000	71,600
Manufacturing	34,800	35,000	35,600	117,100	116,500	111,500	10,000	9,800	10,600
Mining	400	400	300	4,300	4,400	4,600	700	700	800
Construction	8,800	8,800	8,900	31,700	31,700	31,900	2,700	3,100	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,600	9,700	27,400	27,300	25,500	5,500	5,200	5,900
Trade	44,300	44,400	42,600	136,500	137,300	131,600	13,300	13,400	13,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,300	9,300	9,000	27,700	27,900	27,100	4,600	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	33,900	33,800	31,400	102,100	100,200	97,700	12,500	12,400	12,300
Government	36,300	36,200	36,500	61,900	61,000	60,100	22,100	21,800	20,700

already facing problems in the sluggish energy sector, among "high-tech" industries, and along the Mexican border (due to continuing economic problems in Mexico); and plummeting crude oil prices have exacerbated these economic ills.

NONFARM SALARIED JOBS COUNT HOLDS STEADY IN FEBRUARY

Only two of the eight major industry sectors recorded substantial employment growth between January and February; and seasonal cutbacks and economic layoffs in other industries nullified the increases shown by those two sectors, leaving the February nonfarm wage and salary employment level only 200 above January's. The largest downturn in February was in trade, as both wholesale and retail segments recorded sizeable losses. Some 13,000 jobs were deleted by employers in trade, as every sector except building materials and garden supplies deleted Christmas jobs following inventory-taking in January.

The loss of 7,700 jobs in mining was no surprise, following the abrupt slashing of the price of foreign oil. This was the sharpest over-the-month decline in employment in this category since the recession of 1982. This sector has lost over 25,000 jobs since last February, and is now 83,000 below its all-time high level of January 1982.

Despite interest rates which were the lowest in several years, construction employment dropped by 3,000 in February. Residential and office construction is

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Industry	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	1,491.1	1,496.1	1,471.4	66,900	66,700	64,400	35,200	34,800	33,200
Manufacturing	169.1	169.6	174.4	8,600	8,600	8,500	1,700	1,800	1,600
Mining	88.9	90.7	92.2	100	100	100	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	101.3	101.8	105.5	3,800	3,800	3,600	1,500	1,400	1,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	100.3	101.0	100.0	2,800	2,800	2,900	3,800	3,700	3,700
Trade	375.3	378.5	376.1	16,000	16,100	15,800	10,500	10,500	10,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	112.1	112.3	106.5	2,900	2,900	2,800	1,600	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	352.4	352.1	336.7	13,100	12,900	12,000	5,900	5,900	5,400
Government	191.7	190.1	180.0	19,600	19,500	18,700	8,400	8,200	7,800
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	68,800	68,500	67,600	91,700	91,700	90,600	85,900	86,200	83,800
Manufacturing	16,100	16,000	15,700	6,900	7,300	8,500	11,900	12,300	11,600
Mining	4,500	4,500	4,700	400	500	600	1,500	1,500	1,600
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,500	4,600	4,500	3,800	4,500	4,500	4,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,500	3,700	4,700	4,600	4,700	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	17,600	17,700	17,100	27,900	28,100	26,400	26,400	26,900	25,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300	5,400	5,300	5,500	4,100	3,900	3,800
Services & Misc.	11,900	11,900	11,100	19,700	19,600	19,400	13,200	13,100	12,700
Government	8,200	8,100	8,500	22,100	21,800	21,700	21,700	21,400	21,300
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	48,900	49,100	49,800	51,300	51,900	52,400	37,600	37,600	37,400
Manufacturing	3,800	3,800	3,800	5,000	5,000	5,100	5,800	5,700	5,700
Mining	10,900	11,100	12,000	8,700	8,900	9,200	800	800	900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,400	2,900	3,000	3,500	2,200	2,200	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,400	2,500	2,500	2,600	2,600	2,700	3,100	3,200	3,200
Trade	11,000	11,100	10,900	14,400	14,700	14,500	9,500	9,600	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300	1,900	1,900	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	9,000	8,400	8,400	8,100	7,400	7,400	7,600
Government	6,400	6,200	5,900	7,400	7,400	7,300	6,900	6,800	6,700
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON 2/			TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	486,100	483,400	474,900	37,100	37,200	36,900	45,100	45,100	44,600
Manufacturing	49,000	49,200	52,300	11,800	11,800	11,900	7,500	7,500	7,500
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400	300	300	300	--	--	--
Construction	35,900	35,700	35,800	1,600	1,600	1,600	2,000	2,000	1,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,900	19,000	18,700	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	124,600	125,100	120,700	8,100	8,200	7,900	10,600	10,600	10,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,000	36,700	35,100	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	109,800	108,500	105,800	6,900	6,900	6,900	8,700	8,600	8,100
Government	107,700	106,000	103,100	5,000	5,000	4,900	12,400	12,500	12,700
	TYLER			VICTORIA 2/			WACO		
TOTAL	63,600	63,400	61,600	28,600	29,200	29,500	79,300	78,600	77,200
Manufacturing	11,400	11,300	12,100	3,100	3,100	3,200	16,900	16,700	15,800
Mining	2,700	2,700	3,200	3,000	3,000	3,200	200	100	200
Construction	2,800	2,900	2,700	2,000	2,100	2,300	4,600	4,500	4,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	2,900	1,400	1,600	1,600	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	17,400	17,500	16,600	8,000	8,300	8,000	18,600	18,700	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,800	1,500	1,600	1,600	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,200	12,200	5,300	5,300	5,500	18,700	18,600	17,900
Government	8,800	8,600	8,100	4,300	4,200	4,100	12,100	11,800	11,900
	WICHITA FALLS 2/								
TOTAL	52,100	52,000	50,900						
Manufacturing	8,500	8,300	8,500						
Mining	2,900	3,000	3,100						
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000						
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,900	2,700						
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,300						
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400						
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,500						
Government	10,600	10,600	10,400						

* Preliminary -- subject to revision. ** Revised.
1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.
2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.
3/ In Thousands.

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Industry	Feb. 1986*	Jan. 1986**	Feb. 1985**	Change From Jan. 1986	Change From Feb. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,704,400	6,704,200	6,582,900	200	121,500
Manufacturing	988,500	991,200	1,004,300	-2,700	-15,800
Durable Goods	579,800	581,900	592,400	-2,100	-12,600
Lumber & Wood Products	40,000	40,600	41,300	-600	-1,300
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,600	7,700	7,500	-100	100
Furniture & Fixtures	17,600	17,500	17,600	100	0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,300	48,500	48,500	-200	-200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	22,900	23,100	22,700	-200	200
Primary Metal Industries	33,200	33,100	34,300	100	-1,100
Fabricated Metal Industries	81,300	81,300	82,600	0	-1,300
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,000	41,900	42,900	100	-900
Machinery, Except Electrical	127,000	128,800	139,900	-1,800	-12,900
Oil Field Machinery	36,400	37,200	41,700	-800	-5,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	114,500	114,600	116,000	-100	-1,500
Transportation Equipment	81,800	81,500	76,200	300	5,600
Aircraft & Parts	43,800	43,300	39,900	500	3,900
Instruments & Related Products	23,400	23,400	23,500	0	-100
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,700	12,600	12,500	100	200
Nondurable Goods	408,700	409,300	411,900	-600	-3,200
Food & Kindred Products	98,400	98,100	94,000	300	4,400
Meat Products	26,700	26,500	25,700	200	1,000
Dairy Products	5,200	5,200	5,200	0	0
Bakery Products	10,500	10,600	10,600	-100	-100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,500	4,500	4,800	0	-300
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	56,500	57,200	57,600	-700	-1,100
Paper & Allied Products	23,100	23,100	22,800	0	300
Printing & Publishing	76,300	75,800	73,300	500	3,000
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,400	38,000	36,600	400	1,800
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,600	76,700	78,400	-100	-1,800
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,200	32,400	39,100	-200	-6,900
Petroleum Refining	29,200	29,300	36,100	-100	-6,900
Leather & Leather Products	7,200	7,600	7,800	-400	-600
Other Nondurable Goods	33,900	33,900	34,100	0	-200
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,715,900	5,713,000	5,578,600	2,900	137,300
Mining	241,200	248,900	266,700	-7,700	-25,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	233,100	240,700	258,300	-7,600	-25,200
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	8,100	8,200	8,400	-100	-300
Construction	437,200	440,200	429,300	-3,000	7,900
Transportation & Public Utilities	380,200	381,600	379,500	-1,400	700
Railroad Transportation	22,500	22,500	24,400	0	-1,900
Transportation, Except Railroads	187,500	188,200	185,100	-700	2,400
Transportation by Air	47,700	48,100	43,600	-400	4,100
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	90,400	90,300	90,500	100	-100
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,800	80,600	79,500	-800	300
Electric Services	45,800	45,800	44,900	0	900
Gas Production & Distribution	26,900	27,700	28,400	-800	-1,500
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,700,400	1,713,400	1,662,100	-13,000	38,300
Wholesale Trade	442,700	443,500	443,000	-800	-300
Retail Trade	1,257,700	1,269,900	1,219,100	-12,200	38,600
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	52,000	51,100	52,400	900	-400
General Merchandise Stores	160,700	165,700	152,200	-5,000	8,500
Food Stores	228,000	231,300	218,300	-3,300	9,700
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	144,900	145,900	138,300	-1,000	6,600
Apparel & Accessory Stores	80,900	84,300	81,700	-3,400	-800
Other Retail Trade	591,200	591,600	576,200	-400	15,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	445,100	444,900	435,000	200	10,100
Banking	105,900	106,300	106,800	-400	-900
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	138,000	137,400	132,000	600	6,000
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	201,200	201,200	196,200	0	5,000
Services	1,366,300	1,354,800	1,309,900	11,500	56,400
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	85,700	83,200	82,800	2,500	2,900
Personal Services	83,400	82,300	79,400	1,100	4,000
Business & Repair Services	380,600	381,900	368,100	-1,300	12,500
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	46,400	45,500	48,900	900	-2,500
Health Services	352,400	350,800	346,300	1,600	6,100
Educational Services	74,500	70,900	61,500	3,600	13,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	343,300	340,200	322,900	3,100	20,400
Total Government	1,145,500	1,120,200	1,096,100	25,300	49,400
Total Federal Government	191,200	189,800	182,000	1,400	9,200
Total State Government	241,700	232,700	237,000	9,000	4,700
Total Local Government	712,600	706,700	677,100	5,900	35,500

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
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	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**	Feb. '86*	Jan. '86**	Feb. '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	54,900	55,000	55,700	97,000	97,900	98,600	410,400	410,700	395,600
Total Unemployment	4,200	3,100	3,000	7,100	5,800	5,800	22,100	18,000	13,100
Percent Unemployed	7.7	5.6	5.4	7.3	5.9	5.9	5.4	4.4	3.3
Total Employment 2/	50,700	51,900	52,700	89,900	92,100	92,800	388,300	392,700	382,500
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,900	158,200	171,300	77,800	77,500	79,100	92,000	88,400	90,300
Total Unemployment	25,200	20,000	23,200	8,600	6,900	6,400	17,200	12,100	14,200
Percent Unemployed	15.7	12.6	13.5	11.1	8.9	8.1	18.7	13.7	15.7
Total Employment 2/	135,700	138,200	148,100	69,200	70,600	72,700	74,800	76,300	76,100
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	56,300	54,800	56,500	164,100	162,700	163,500	1,340.8	1,342.5	1,335.5
Total Unemployment	3,500	2,600	2,600	19,100	15,300	15,900	77.7	62.6	59.3
Percent Unemployed	6.2	4.7	4.6	11.6	9.4	9.7	5.8	4.7	4.4
Total Employment 2/	52,800	52,200	53,900	145,000	147,400	147,600	1,263.1	1,279.9	1,276.2
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	207,600	206,000	211,000	618,700	618,700	608,700	104,100	102,700	106,100
Total Unemployment	25,000	19,100	24,800	38,900	30,300	28,700	12,900	10,100	11,400
Percent Unemployed	12.0	9.3	11.8	6.3	4.9	4.7	12.4	9.8	10.7
Total Employment 2/	182,600	186,900	186,200	579,800	588,400	580,000	91,200	92,600	94,700
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,612.0	1,612.1	1,625.1	82,900	83,200	81,600	43,000	41,000	42,700
Total Unemployment	154.2	120.1	126.0	6,600	5,600	5,200	7,600	5,000	7,100
Percent Unemployed	9.6	7.4	7.8	8.0	6.7	6.4	17.7	12.2	16.6
Total Employment 2/	1,457.8	1,492.0	1,499.1	76,300	77,600	76,400	35,400	36,000	35,600
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,200	78,700	79,000	106,900	107,000	108,100	140,200	136,600	141,700
Total Unemployment	9,500	7,500	7,400	7,900	6,300	6,300	31,800	25,300	30,800
Percent Unemployed	12.0	9.5	9.4	7.4	5.9	5.8	22.7	18.5	21.7
Total Employment 2/	69,700	71,200	71,600	99,000	100,700	101,800	108,400	111,300	110,900
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,000	51,000	52,900	60,000	60,000	61,700	43,200	43,300	44,200
Total Unemployment	4,000	2,800	2,700	5,600	3,800	3,800	2,700	2,000	2,100
Percent Unemployed	7.8	5.5	5.1	9.3	6.3	6.2	6.3	4.6	4.8
Total Employment 2/	47,000	48,200	50,200	54,400	56,200	57,900	40,500	41,300	42,100
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	542,500	545,100	544,500	45,000	45,200	46,000	55,400	55,500	56,400
Total Unemployment	37,600	32,400	32,000	3,300	2,600	3,400	5,500	4,700	5,300
Percent Unemployed	6.9	5.9	5.9	7.3	5.8	7.4	9.9	8.5	9.4
Total Employment 2/	504,900	512,700	512,500	41,700	42,600	42,600	49,900	50,800	51,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,400	74,200	73,400	36,400	36,700	37,800	86,700	87,000	86,900
Total Unemployment	6,500	5,100	4,400	3,300	2,500	2,300	6,300	5,400	5,300
Percent Unemployed	8.7	6.9	6.0	9.1	6.8	6.1	7.3	6.2	6.1
Total Employment 2/	67,900	69,100	69,000	33,100	34,200	35,500	80,400	81,600	81,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,500	55,500	56,000				7,901.3	7,883.6	7,906.1
Total Unemployment	4,500	3,300	3,700				692.7	542.6	558.1
Percent Unemployed	8.1	5.9	6.6				8.8	6.9	7.1
Total Employment 2/	51,000	52,200	52,300				7,208.6	7,341.0	7,348.0

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
*Preliminary -- subject to revision. **Revised.

HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Feb.± 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb.± 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985	Feb.± 1986	Jan. 1986	Feb. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 386.24	$ 392.76	$ 379.96	40.7	41.3	40.9	$ 9.49	$ 9.51	$ 9.29
Durable Goods	385.11	391.98	379.96	41.1	41.7	41.3	9.37	9.40	9.20
Lumber & Wood Products	269.50	272.00	252.82	39.4	40.0	37.4	6.84	6.80	6.76
Furniture & Fixtures	244.22	241.49	233.31	40.5	38.7	38.5	6.03	6.24	6.06
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	366.37	381.05	372.65	42.8	43.9	44.1	8.56	8.68	8.45
Primary Metal Industries	414.61	417.64	411.26	39.6	39.7	40.8	10.47	10.52	10.08
Fabricated Metal Products	362.39	370.87	362.56	40.4	41.3	41.2	8.97	8.98	8.80
Machinery, exc. Electric	396.74	402.36	396.48	41.5	42.0	42.0	9.56	9.58	9.44
Oil Field Machinery	459.20	479.83	502.88	41.0	42.5	44.9	11.20	11.29	11.20
Electric & Electronic Equip.	421.84	428.57	404.77	42.1	42.9	41.6	10.02	9.99	9.73
Transportation Equipment	523.34	535.93	526.54	41.7	42.5	42.6	12.55	12.61	12.36
Instruments & Related Prod.	340.68	336.17	293.38	40.8	40.6	38.3	8.35	8.28	7.66
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	247.79	266.42	279.61	38.9	40.8	40.7	6.37	6.53	6.87
Nondurable Goods	386.00	393.72	379.22	40.0	40.8	40.3	9.65	9.65	9.41
Food & Kindred Products	317.16	342.27	319.19	40.3	42.1	40.2	7.87	8.13	7.94
Meat Products	265.16	285.91	252.88	39.4	41.8	38.2	6.73	6.84	6.62
Malt Beverages	764.10	800.70	728.84	45.7	47.1	46.1	16.72	17.00	15.81
Textile Mill Products	299.38	315.51	277.79	43.2	44.5	41.4	6.93	7.09	6.71
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	183.40	191.26	195.20	35.0	36.5	38.2	5.24	5.24	5.11
Paper & Allied Products	458.49	467.90	417.48	43.5	44.1	42.0	10.54	10.61	9.94
Printing & Publishing	370.67	358.70	357.24	39.1	38.2	39.3	9.48	9.39	9.09
Chemicals & Allied Products	613.28	617.02	614.38	42.5	42.7	42.4	14.43	14.45	14.49
Petroleum & Coal Products	641.51	654.03	569.25	42.4	43.0	41.4	15.13	15.21	13.75
Petroleum Refining	669.92	687.46	588.89	42.4	43.4	41.5	15.80	15.84	14.19
Leather & Leather Products	190.27	202.00	197.89	35.9	37.2	35.4	5.30	5.43	5.59
Other Nondurable Goods	378.16	379.14	351.02	42.3	42.6	41.2	8.94	8.90	8.52
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	511.15	516.91	484.42	43.8	44.6	45.7	11.67	11.59	10.60
Oil & Gas Extraction	515.68	521.92	487.77	44.0	44.8	45.8	11.72	11.65	10.65
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	383.53	392.42	414.90	37.2	39.4	45.0	10.31	9.96	9.22
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	469.25	470.45	440.19	39.4	39.5	40.2	11.91	11.91	10.95
Elec., Gas & San. Services	449.62	452.34	444.21	39.2	39.3	40.2	11.47	11.51	11.05
Wholesale & Retail Trade	223.68	225.08	229.02	32.0	32.2	33.0	6.99	6.99	6.94
Wholesale Trade	373.35	375.65	367.75	39.3	39.5	39.5	9.50	9.51	9.31
Retail Trade	174.94	176.12	182.93	29.6	29.8	30.9	5.91	5.91	5.92
General Merchandise Stores	175.97	171.03	172.80	27.8	27.9	28.8	6.33	6.13	6.00
Banking	285.76	273.94	270.40	39.8	38.1	38.3	7.18	7.19	7.06

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 387.39	$ 390.83	$ 373.68	41.3	41.8	41.2	$ 9.38	$ 9.35	$ 9.07
Durable Goods	411.88	417.35	394.59	41.9	42.5	41.8	9.83	9.82	9.44
Nondurable Goods	343.76	344.73	337.31	40.3	40.7	40.3	8.53	8.47	8.37
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	394.48	396.26	379.04	41.7	41.8	41.2	9.46	9.48	9.20
Durable Goods	410.48	417.78	397.03	41.8	42.5	41.4	9.82	9.83	9.59
Nondurable Goods	355.26	342.05	335.37	41.6	40.1	40.7	8.54	8.53	8.24
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	461.89	468.86	465.72	41.8	41.9	42.3	11.05	11.19	11.01
Durable Goods	400.61	408.93	419.13	41.6	41.6	42.9	9.63	9.83	9.77
Nondurable Goods	544.77	549.48	528.64	42.1	42.3	41.3	12.94	12.99	12.80
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	291.40	301.58	276.41	41.1	41.2	39.6	7.09	7.32	6.98
Durable Goods	318.86	324.36	300.53	43.5	42.4	41.0	7.33	7.65	7.33
Nondurable Goods	265.39	279.20	253.16	38.8	40.0	38.3	6.84	6.98	6.61

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
SOURCE: Texas Employment Commission in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor.

slowing in many areas of Texas which have been overbuilt, and some special trades contractors also reported cutbacks in February. Employers in transportation and public utilities also deleted jobs, particularly in transportation, except railroads, and in electric, gas and sanitary services.

The beginning of the spring semester brought new hires in the educational sectors of both state and local government, while federal government increased more moderately as the Internal Revenue Service added workers in preparation for the tax season. Hiring at private schools and colleges also generated the largest portion of the over-the-month growth in services. Increases were fairly widespread in services, with the largest gains in hotels and other lodging places, in health services, and in personal services.

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Manufacturing employment continued its downward trend in February, with cutbacks in both durable and nondurable goods. Job losses were more common in durable goods, where 2,100 positions were deleted over the month. The largest decrease occurred in nonelectrical machinery, as oil field machinery dropped by 800 and further declines were also reported by electronic computing equipment makers. The other sizeable loss in durable goods was in lumber and wood products, which was down 600 in February.

Nondurable goods recorded moderate employment gains in food and kindred products and in printing and publishing, but these were more than offset by sizeable decreases in other sectors. Employment in apparel and other finished textile products dropped by 700 due in part to seasonal cutbacks. Layoffs and seasonal declines were also responsible for the loss of 400 jobs in leather and leather products in February.

HOURS AND EARNINGS DROP

In February, there were an estimated 647,400 manufacturing production workers in Texas, down 3,900 from the January level of 651,300. Declining factory output pushed both average weekly hours worked and average hourly earnings downward over the month. Average weekly hours declined by 0.6 hour to 40.7 hours, while average hourly earnings decreased by 2¢, to $9.49 in February. The effect of these combined losses was a drop of $6.52 in average weekly earnings. The decreases were widespread in both durable and nondurable goods, but the nondurable goods sector recorded a larger decline in average weekly hours while durable goods employers reported greater losses in average hourly earnings.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Feb. 1986	Feb. 1985
Total Population	16,592,250	16,143,900*
% UI Covered Unemployment	1.9	1.6
UI Covered Employers	314,029	307,054
Total Claims Actions	569,910	502,829
Total Initial Claims Actions	77,478	64,706
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	492,432	438,123
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$150.57	$138.83
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$68,870,676	$50,210,391
Total Placements	30,261	30,906

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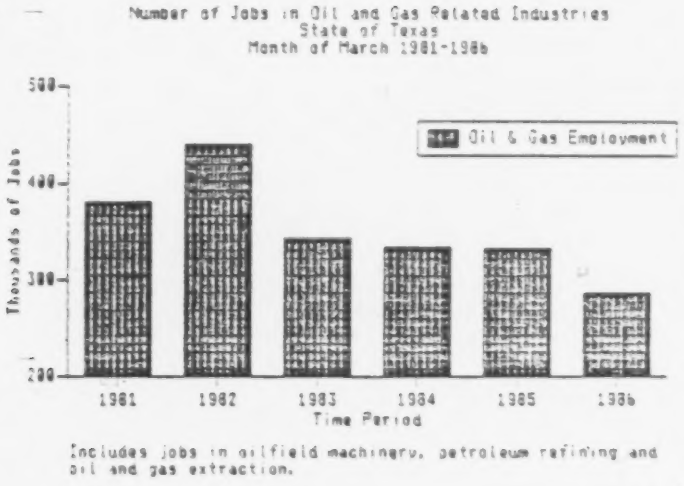

Includes jobs in oilfield machinery, petroleum refining and oil and gas extraction.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Mar. 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,310.0	115,726.0	114,393.0
Unemployment	9,667.0	9,041.0	8,625.0
Percent Unemployed	7.5	7.8	7.5
Total Employment	107,643.0	106,685.0	105,768.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	117,207.0	117,088.0	115,335.0
Unemployment	8,419.0	8,527.0	8,384.0
Percent Unemployed	7.2	7.3	7.3
Total Employment	108,788.0	108,561.0	106,951.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,977.5	7,901.3	8,102.3
Unemployment	673.1	692.7	581.2
Percent Unemployed	8.4	8.8	7.2
Total Employment	7,304.4	7,208.6	7,521.1
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,003.0	7,990.0	8,129.0
Unemployment	646.0	671.0	557.0
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.4	6.9
Total Employment	7,357.0	7,319.0	7,572.0

UNEMPLOYMENT DECLINES MODERATELY

Total unemployment in the State declined slightly between February and March 1986, but was still well above the year-ago level. The number of jobless Texans dropped by 19,600 in the actual series over the month, to 673,100 in mid-March, about 92,000 above the March 1985 total. The corresponding dip in the unemployment rate pushed the actual rate down from February's 8.8 percent to 8.4 percent in March. Although total employment increased during the month, the current level of 7,304,400 was still almost 217,000 below the March 1985 estimate. In both the actual and the seasonally adjusted series, rates for Texas were about a percentage point above those for the Nation as a whole.

The second consecutive month of a Statewide rate above 8.0 percent is evidence of very real and lasting economic problems in oil and gas-related industries following the abrupt plunge in foreign oil prices. In Texas, some 46,000 jobs in oil and gas have been deleted since March 1985 -- 19,600 of them between January and March. The chart shown above illustrates the decline of oil and gas-related employment in Texas.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,800	54,200	53,800	81,000	80,600	80,000	369,200	368,400	353,200
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,400	10,000	10,100	9,900	40,900	40,900	42,300
Mining	3,700	3,900	4,000	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900	3,900	3,600	4,700	26,000	26,500	27,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,800	2,700	6,000	6,200	6,400	11,400	11,300	10,100
Trade	14,300	14,400	14,400	24,500	24,400	23,300	82,100	81,800	77,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,400	4,300	4,500	25,400	25,300	23,600
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,800	13,400	16,100	15,900	15,500	84,800	84,300	77,900
Government	8,200	8,200	8,200	14,600	14,600	13,900	97,500	97,200	93,300
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	132,000	132,200	138,600	59,100	58,800	59,600	65,500	64,900	64,700
Manufacturing	26,100	26,300	28,700	16,100	16,200	17,000	9,000	8,500	9,500
Mining	1,900	2,200	2,700	1,900	1,800	2,100	100	100	100
Construction	8,500	8,400	9,700	6,500	6,300	6,300	3,400	3,400	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	10,100	10,000	10,700	2,000	2,000	2,400	3,300	3,300	3,400
Trade	32,500	32,500	32,300	11,300	11,200	11,000	18,600	18,600	18,300
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	27,200	27,300	27,900	8,200	8,100	8,100	12,800	12,600	11,800
Government	20,100	20,000	20,200	10,800	10,900	10,400	14,800	14,900	14,700
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	50,100	50,200	49,300	135,700	135,900	135,200	1,343.6	1,332.7	1,304.3
Manufacturing	3,500	3,500	3,600	12,500	12,500	13,300	234.6	232.9	233.2
Mining	1,000	1,100	1,300	6,900	6,900	8,000	23.4	24.1	23.8
Construction	2,900	3,000	3,100	11,400	11,100	10,800	85.2	84.6	84.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,600	1,500	7,600	7,700	7,500	85.7	85.4	82.0
Trade	11,100	10,900	10,500	34,300	34,700	33,900	355.8	354.0	345.6
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,100	6,900	6,900	6,900	131.1	128.6	125.2
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,500	7,300	28,000	28,100	27,400	284.5	280.9	275.8
Government	20,700	20,700	19,900	28,100	28,000	27,400	143.3	142.2	135.0
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	177,200	177,200	175,400	511,400	507,700	494,700	72,300	71,400	71,800
Manufacturing	34,700	34,600	36,000	116,700	116,700	112,000	10,000	10,000	10,200
Mining	400	400	300	4,300	4,300	4,400	600	700	800
Construction	9,200	9,100	9,100	32,700	31,600	32,900	2,800	2,700	3,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,200	9,300	9,700	27,200	27,300	25,600	5,500	5,500	5,800
Trade	44,200	44,300	43,400	136,900	136,300	131,600	13,600	13,400	13,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,300	9,300	9,000	27,900	27,700	27,400	4,700	4,600	4,500
Services & Misc.	33,700	33,800	31,400	103,800	102,000	100,200	13,000	12,500	12,600
Government	36,500	36,400	36,500	61,900	61,800	60,600	22,100	22,000	21,000

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT RECORDS SLUGGISH GROWTH

Nonfarm salaried employment increased by only 5,100 in March 1986, as sizeable decreases in mining, manufacturing, and transportation and utilities almost overwhelmed gains in other sectors. The month-to-month increase of 5,100 was only one-tenth the size of the growth between February and March 1985. Many of the job losses recorded this year are directly or indirectly tied to oil and gas.

Oil and gas extraction, the single largest industry affected by the downturn, cut 10,200 jobs over the month and is now 31,300 below its March 1985 level. Two manufacturing sectors have also been hurt by the curtailment of oil and gas activity -- oil field machinery and petroleum refining. Oil field machinery has suffered the greatest loss within manufacturing, declining by 2,600 between February and March and 8,300 over the past year. Although petroleum refining was unchanged over the past month, 6,400 positions have been cut during the last year.

The only other sizeable decrease that occurred in March was in transportation and public utilities, where declines in trucking and warehousing and in gas production and distribution pushed employment down by 2,200 jobs during the past year.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**
HOUSTON 3/			
TOTAL	1,488.9	1,492.7	1,474.5
Manufacturing	167.5	168.9	173.7
Mining	86.8	89.9	91.5
Construction	100.6	100.8	106.3
Trans., Comm., & Util.	100.4	100.4	100.2
Trade	372.4	375.0	376.9
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	112.0	112.2	106.2
Services & Misc.	356.4	353.7	339.6
Government	192.8	191.8	180.1
LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			
TOTAL	68,700	68,900	68,000
Manufacturing	16,200	16,200	15,800
Mining	4,500	4,500	4,600
Construction	3,400	3,400	3,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,700	3,900
Trade	17,700	17,600	17,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300
Services & Misc.	11,900	11,900	10,900
Government	8,100	8,200	8,500
MIDLAND			
TOTAL	48,200	48,900	50,100
Manufacturing	3,700	3,800	3,900
Mining	10,500	10,800	11,900
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,400	2,500
Trade	11,000	11,100	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300
Services & Misc.	8,900	8,900	9,200
Government	6,300	6,400	5,900
SAN ANTONIO			
TOTAL	488,000	485,600	478,800
Manufacturing	48,800	48,600	52,000
Mining	3,200	3,200	3,400
Construction	36,100	35,800	36,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,800	18,900	18,800
Trade	125,600	125,200	121,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	37,000	36,900	35,300
Services & Misc.	110,700	109,500	107,000
Government	107,800	107,500	104,000
TYLER			
TOTAL	63,400	63,400	62,100
Manufacturing	11,400	11,400	12,200
Mining	2,500	2,600	3,200
Construction	2,900	2,800	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	2,800
Trade	17,300	17,300	16,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,800
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,300	12,200
Government	8,800	8,800	8,100
WICHITA FALLS 2/			
TOTAL	51,900	52,100	51,100
Manufacturing	8,600	8,500	8,600
Mining	2,700	2,900	3,000
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,700
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,500
Government	10,500	10,600	10,400
KILLEEN-TEMPLE			
TOTAL	67,200	66,900	65,000
Manufacturing	8,800	8,700	8,500
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,700	3,600	3,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,900
Trade	16,100	16,000	15,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	2,900	2,800
Services & Misc.	13,100	13,200	12,300
Government	19,600	19,600	18,700
LUBBOCK			
TOTAL	91,800	91,400	90,100
Manufacturing	7,100	6,900	8,300
Mining	400	400	600
Construction	4,600	4,400	4,000
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,500	4,700	4,600
Trade	27,700	27,600	26,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,600
Services & Misc.	19,900	19,900	19,200
Government	22,200	22,100	21,700
ODESSA			
TOTAL	50,300	51,000	52,500
Manufacturing	4,900	5,100	5,200
Mining	8,000	8,400	9,000
Construction	2,600	2,700	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,600	2,700
Trade	14,500	14,400	14,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,000
Services & Misc.	8,400	8,400	8,100
Government	7,500	7,500	7,300
SHERMAN-DENISON 2/			
TOTAL	37,600	37,200	37,200
Manufacturing	11,900	11,900	12,000
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	1,700	1,600	1,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	8,300	8,100	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	7,000	6,900	6,900
Government	5,000	5,000	4,900
VICTORIA 2/			
TOTAL	28,900	28,700	29,800
Manufacturing	3,200	3,200	3,100
Mining	2,900	3,000	3,200
Construction	2,000	2,000	2,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trade	8,100	7,900	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,400	5,300	5,500
Government	4,300	4,300	4,300
LAREDO 2/			
TOTAL	35,000	35,100	33,600
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,700
Mining	1,800	1,800	1,900
Construction	1,500	1,500	1,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,800	3,800	3,600
Trade	10,400	10,500	10,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,600
Services & Misc.	5,900	5,900	5,400
Government	8,300	8,300	7,900
MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION			
TOTAL	87,100	86,100	84,600
Manufacturing	11,900	11,800	11,700
Mining	1,300	1,400	1,600
Construction	4,600	4,500	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,600
Trade	27,500	26,800	26,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,800
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,200	12,900
Government	21,700	21,700	21,300
SAN ANGELO 2/			
TOTAL	37,100	37,400	37,300
Manufacturing	5,700	5,700	5,600
Mining	700	800	900
Construction	2,200	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,100	3,100
Trade	9,400	9,400	9,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,400	7,400	7,600
Government	6,800	6,900	6,700
TEXARKANA 2/			
TOTAL	45,600	45,100	45,100
Manufacturing	7,500	7,600	7,500
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	2,300	2,000	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,000
Trade	10,800	10,600	10,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,800	1,800
Services & Misc.	8,700	8,700	8,100
Government	12,400	12,400	12,800
WACO			
TOTAL	79,400	79,400	77,700
Manufacturing	16,800	16,900	16,000
Mining	200	200	200
Construction	4,600	4,600	4,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,500
Trade	18,700	18,600	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	18,800	18,800	18,200
Government	12,100	12,100	11,800

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.

2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.

3/ In Thousands.

TEXAS NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY ESTIMATES 1/

Industry	Mar. 1986*	Feb. 1986**	Mar. 1985**	Change From Feb. 1986	Change From Mar. 1985
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT±	6,714,100	6,709,000	6,630,200	5,100	83,900
Manufacturing	985,000	988,600	1,006,800	-3,600	-21,800
Durable Goods	577,200	579,300	593,000	-2,100	-15,800
Lumber & Wood Products	40,800	40,800	41,600	0	-800
Logging Camps, Sawmills, Planing Mills	7,700	7,600	7,500	100	200
Furniture & Fixtures	17,900	17,500	17,600	400	300
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	48,700	48,400	48,900	300	-200
Concrete, Gypsum & Plaster Products	23,400	23,000	23,100	400	300
Primary Metal Industries	32,400	32,500	34,200	-100	-1,800
Fabricated Metal Industries	80,700	80,900	82,900	-200	-2,200
Fabricated Structural Metal Products	42,000	41,900	42,900	100	-900
Machinery, Except Electrical	123,900	126,700	139,600	-2,800	-15,700
Oil Field Machinery	33,300	35,900	41,600	-2,600	-8,300
Electric & Electronic Equipment	115,000	114,500	115,600	500	-600
Transportation Equipment	82,100	81,900	77,000	200	5,100
Aircraft & Parts	44,300	43,800	40,200	500	4,100
Instruments & Related Products	23,400	23,400	23,400	0	0
Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	12,300	12,700	12,200	-400	100
Nondurable Goods	407,800	409,300	413,800	-1,500	-6,000
Food & Kindred Products	97,500	98,400	95,200	-900	2,300
Meat Products	26,400	26,600	25,800	-200	600
Dairy Products	5,300	5,200	5,300	100	0
Bakery Products	10,700	10,500	10,800	200	-100
Malt Beverages	3,000	3,000	3,000	0	0
Textile Mill Products	4,700	4,500	4,800	200	-100
Apparel & Other Finished Textile Products	55,400	56,700	57,600	-1,300	-2,200
Paper & Allied Products	23,000	22,900	22,700	100	300
Printing & Publishing	77,100	76,600	73,800	500	3,300
Newspaper, Periodicals, Books & Misc. Publ.	38,900	38,800	36,900	100	2,000
Chemicals & Allied Products	76,500	76,800	78,800	-300	-2,300
Petroleum & Coal Products	32,200	32,300	38,800	-100	-6,600
Petroleum Refining	29,300	29,300	35,700	0	-6,400
Leather & Leather Products	7,200	7,200	7,900	0	-700
Other Nondurable Goods	34,200	33,900	34,200	300	0
Total Nonmanufacturing	5,729,100	5,720,400	5,623,400	8,700	105,700
Mining	233,200	243,200	264,700	-10,000	-31,500
Oil & Gas Extraction	225,000	235,200	256,300	-10,200	-31,300
Metal & Coal & Nonmet. Mnrls., Exc. Fuel	8,200	8,000	8,400	200	-200
Construction	442,200	438,200	440,000	4,000	2,200
Transportation & Public Utilities	378,100	380,200	380,300	-2,100	-2,200
Railroad Transportation	22,300	22,300	24,300	0	-2,000
Transportation, Except Railroads	186,400	187,700	185,800	-1,300	600
Transportation by Air	48,400	48,400	43,800	0	4,600
Communication, Exc. U. S. Postal Service	90,400	90,500	90,400	-100	0
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	79,000	79,700	79,800	-700	-800
Electric Services	45,500	45,700	45,000	-200	500
Gas Production & Distribution	26,300	26,900	28,500	-600	-2,200
Wholesale & Retail Trade	1,702,600	1,699,000	1,673,900	3,600	28,700
Wholesale Trade	441,500	442,200	446,000	-700	-4,500
Retail Trade	1,261,100	1,256,800	1,227,900	4,300	33,200
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	53,300	51,700	53,700	1,600	-400
General Merchandise Stores	159,200	158,900	152,500	300	6,700
Food Stores	227,200	228,600	218,200	-1,400	9,000
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	145,100	145,400	139,400	-300	5,700
Apparel & Accessory Stores	81,500	81,400	82,400	100	-900
Other Retail Trade	594,800	590,800	581,700	4,000	13,100
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	448,100	446,400	438,000	1,700	10,100
Banking	105,800	106,000	107,000	-200	-1,200
Insurance Carriers, Agents & Brokers	139,000	138,000	132,700	1,000	6,300
Other Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	203,300	202,400	198,300	900	5,000
Services	1,372,700	1,362,900	1,329,800	9,800	42,900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	86,300	85,500	84,600	800	1,700
Personal Services	82,900	82,600	80,100	300	2,800
Business & Repair Services	383,900	378,900	371,700	5,000	12,200
Amusement, Including Motion Pictures	46,600	46,500	51,100	100	-4,500
Health Services	354,400	352,800	347,400	1,600	7,000
Educational Services	73,900	73,600	66,900	300	7,000
Other Services & Miscellaneous	344,700	343,000	328,000	1,700	16,700
Total Government	1,152,200	1,150,500	1,096,700	1,700	55,500
Total Federal Government	190,700	191,100	182,800	-400	7,900
Total State Government	244,000	244,300	234,500	-300	9,500
Total Local Government	717,500	715,100	679,400	2,400	38,100

1/ Estimated number of nonagricultural jobs in Texas without reference to place of residence of workers. ±Estimates of TEC in cooperation with Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor.
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CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**	Mar.'86*	Feb.'86**	Mar.'85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,700	55,100	56,400	97,500	96,700	100,500	415,000	409,600	408,100
Total Unemployment	4,600	4,200	2,800	6,400	6,900	5,900	23,000	22,000	15,100
Percent Unemployed	8.3	7.6	5.0	6.6	7.1	5.9	5.5	5.4	3.7
Total Employment 2/	51,100	50,900	53,600	91,100	89,800	94,600	392,000	387,600	393,000
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
Total Civilian Labor Force	160,000	160,300	173,300	78,700	78,200	80,500	93,000	91,900	94,000
Total Unemployment	23,400	24,900	23,200	8,100	8,600	6,800	16,300	17,300	15,100
Percent Unemployed	14.6	15.5	13.4	10.3	11.0	8.4	17.5	18.8	16.1
Total Employment 2/	136,600	135,400	150,100	70,600	69,600	73,700	76,700	74,600	78,900
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	57,000	56,400	57,500	164,500	163,700	168,900	1,361.2	1,343.2	1,366.6
Total Unemployment	3,500	3,500	2,500	17,700	18,900	16,100	73.2	76.9	60.3
Percent Unemployed	6.1	6.2	4.3	10.8	11.5	9.5	5.4	5.7	4.4
Total Employment 2/	53,500	52,900	55,000	146,800	144,800	152,800	1,288.0	1,266.3	1,306.3
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
Total Civilian Labor Force	208,800	207,400	217,000	625,200	617,400	624,900	104,100	103,500	108,900
Total Unemployment	24,200	25,000	25,300	37,000	38,600	29,400	11,500	12,600	12,000
Percent Unemployed	11.6	12.1	11.7	5.9	6.3	4.7	11.0	12.2	11.0
Total Employment 2/	184,600	182,400	191,700	588,200	578,800	595,500	92,600	90,900	96,900
	HOUSTON 3/			KILLEEN-TEMPLE			LAREDO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	1,619.6	1,614.0	1,661.5	83,900	82,800	83,500	43,200	43,600	44,000
Total Unemployment	148.2	152.9	133.1	6,400	6,600	5,200	7,400	8,100	7,400
Percent Unemployed	9.2	9.5	8.0	7.6	8.0	6.2	17.1	18.6	16.8
Total Employment 2/	1,471.4	1,461.1	1,528.4	77,500	76,200	78,300	35,800	35,500	36,600
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL			LUBBOCK			MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
Total Civilian Labor Force	79,700	79,300	80,900	107,800	106,500	109,600	142,000	142,000	144,900
Total Unemployment	9,200	9,400	7,900	7,500	7,900	6,500	31,100	33,300	31,300
Percent Unemployed	11.5	11.9	9.8	7.0	7.4	5.9	21.9	23.5	21.6
Total Employment 2/	70,500	69,900	73,000	100,300	98,600	103,100	110,900	108,700	113,600
	MIDLAND			ODESSA			SAN ANGELO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	51,500	51,100	54,300	59,900	59,500	62,900	43,700	43,100	45,400
Total Unemployment	4,300	4,000	3,100	6,200	5,500	4,100	3,000	2,600	2,500
Percent Unemployed	8.3	7.8	5.7	10.4	9.2	6.5	6.9	6.0	5.5
Total Employment 2/	47,200	47,100	51,200	53,700	54,000	58,800	40,700	40,500	42,900
	SAN ANTONIO			SHERMAN-DENISON			TEXARKANA		
Total Civilian Labor Force	548,800	544,100	558,900	45,200	44,800	47,400	55,700	55,400	57,200
Total Unemployment	37,700	39,500	34,400	3,100	3,200	3,600	5,300	5,500	5,100
Percent Unemployed	6.9	7.3	6.2	6.9	7.1	7.6	9.5	9.9	8.9
Total Employment 2/	511,100	504,600	524,500	42,100	41,600	43,800	50,400	49,900	52,100
	TYLER			VICTORIA			WACO		
Total Civilian Labor Force	74,800	74,400	75,200	36,800	36,300	38,900	87,800	86,900	88,800
Total Unemployment	6,100	6,500	4,700	3,400	3,200	2,500	6,200	6,300	5,200
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.7	6.3	9.2	8.8	6.4	7.1	7.2	5.9
Total Employment 2/	68,700	67,900	70,500	33,400	33,100	36,400	81,600	80,600	83,600
	WICHITA FALLS						STATE OF TEXAS 3/		
Total Civilian Labor Force	55,900	55,600	57,000				7,977.5	7,901.3	8,102.3
Total Unemployment	4,500	4,500	3,600				673.1	692.7	581.2
Percent Unemployed	8.1	8.1	6.3				8.4	8.8	7.2
Total Employment 2/	51,400	51,100	53,400				7,304.4	7,208.6	7,521.1

1/ All estimates shown are "actual" (not seasonally adjusted).
2/ Includes resident wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family workers and domestics in private households, agricultural workers, and workers involved in labor-management disputes.
3/ In Thousands.
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HOURS AND EARNINGS IN TEXAS*

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar.± 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar.± 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985	Mar.± 1986	Feb. 1986	Mar. 1985
FOR TEXAS									
MANUFACTURING TOTAL	$ 394.00	$ 386.24	$ 383.46	41.3	40.7	41.1	$ 9.54	$ 9.49	$ 9.33
Durable Goods	388.86	385.11	383.46	41.5	41.1	41.5	9.37	9.37	9.24
Lumber & Wood Products	273.76	265.67	255.74	40.2	39.3	38.0	6.81	6.76	6.73
Furniture & Fixtures	232.70	240.98	235.22	38.4	39.7	38.0	6.06	6.07	6.19
Stone, Clay & Glass Prods.	374.93	368.94	374.88	43.8	43.0	44.0	8.56	8.58	8.52
Primary Metal Industries	425.46	420.55	411.48	40.1	39.9	40.7	10.61	10.54	10.11
Fabricated Metal Products	363.94	362.88	372.12	40.8	40.5	42.0	8.92	8.96	8.86
Machinery, exc. Electric	407.69	396.61	398.16	41.9	41.4	42.0	9.73	9.58	9.48
Oil Field Machinery	462.48	456.34	503.53	41.0	40.6	44.6	11.28	11.24	11.29
Electric & Electronic Equip.	418.74	420.42	399.64	42.0	42.0	41.2	9.97	10.01	9.70
Transportation Equipment	518.67	524.17	536.49	42.1	41.8	43.3	12.32	12.54	12.39
Instruments & Related Prod.	349.83	348.53	301.09	41.4	41.1	38.9	8.45	8.48	7.74
Misc. Manufacturing Inds.	251.02	249.46	272.95	39.1	39.1	39.5	6.42	6.38	6.91
Nondurable Goods	401.14	387.93	383.67	41.1	40.2	40.6	9.76	9.65	9.45
Food & Kindred Products	330.46	321.19	327.92	41.0	40.3	41.3	8.06	7.97	7.94
Meat Products	259.62	264.10	278.51	39.1	39.3	41.2	6.64	6.72	6.76
Malt Beverages	798.72	768.67	759.78	46.6	45.7	46.9	17.14	16.82	16.20
Textile Mill Products	302.45	299.38	275.56	42.9	43.2	41.5	7.05	6.93	6.64
Apparel & Other Text. Prods.	191.42	186.19	190.55	36.6	35.6	37.0	5.23	5.23	5.15
Paper & Allied Products	470.02	467.97	424.03	44.3	43.9	41.9	10.61	10.66	10.12
Printing & Publishing	387.60	367.22	362.18	40.8	38.9	39.8	9.50	9.44	9.10
Chemicals & Allied Products	621.03	605.15	614.38	42.8	42.2	42.4	14.51	14.34	14.49
Petroleum & Coal Products	688.84	651.02	583.93	44.1	43.0	42.1	15.62	15.14	13.87
Petroleum Refining	722.09	681.41	603.71	44.3	43.1	42.1	16.30	15.81	14.34
Leather & Leather Products	200.32	199.21	209.22	35.9	35.7	36.9	5.58	5.58	5.67
Other Nondurable Goods	384.42	377.74	358.26	43.0	42.3	42.0	8.94	8.93	8.53
NONMANUFACTURING									
Mining	520.08	520.37	484.02	44.3	44.4	44.9	11.74	11.72	10.78
Oil & Gas Extraction	526.73	526.12	487.61	44.6	44.7	44.9	11.81	11.77	10.86
Met/Coal/Nonmet Mnrls. exc. Fuel	388.55	380.44	390.28	38.7	36.9	44.0	10.04	10.31	8.87
Commun., exc. U. S. Postal Service	478.76	476.80	444.09	40.3	40.0	39.3	11.88	11.92	11.30
Elec., Gas & San. Services	459.78	450.38	431.67	39.5	39.3	38.1	11.64	11.46	11.33
Wholesale & Retail Trade	226.10	224.00	231.74	32.3	32.0	33.2	7.00	7.00	6.98
Wholesale Trade	379.69	376.27	371.59	39.8	39.4	39.7	9.54	9.55	9.36
Retail Trade	177.30	174.34	185.05	30.0	29.6	31.1	5.91	5.89	5.95
General Merchandise Stores	183.33	173.19	180.90	28.6	27.8	29.9	6.41	6.23	6.05
Banking	285.91	285.91	268.80	39.6	39.6	38.4	7.22	7.22	7.00

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

DALLAS									
Manufacturing	$ 390.83	$ 386.98	$ 376.48	41.8	41.3	41.6	$ 9.35	$ 9.37	$ 9.05
Durable Goods	414.40	409.91	394.90	42.2	41.7	41.7	9.82	9.83	9.47
Nondurable Goods	348.94	345.91	342.79	41.1	40.6	41.4	8.49	8.52	8.28
FORT WORTH									
Manufacturing	395.41	393.01	385.95	42.2	41.5	41.5	9.37	9.47	9.30
Durable Goods	410.86	408.36	407.82	42.4	41.5	42.0	9.69	9.84	9.71
Nondurable Goods	355.68	354.00	334.53	41.6	41.5	40.5	8.55	8.53	8.26
HOUSTON									
Manufacturing	470.12	464.54	469.26	41.9	41.7	42.2	11.22	11.14	11.12
Durable Goods	399.75	404.89	415.95	41.0	41.4	42.1	9.75	9.78	9.88
Nondurable Goods	564.19	545.20	544.42	43.2	42.1	42.4	13.06	12.95	12.84
SAN ANTONIO									
Manufacturing	298.16	297.43	280.19	40.9	40.8	39.8	7.29	7.29	7.04
Durable Goods	318.59	328.02	305.29	41.7	42.6	41.2	7.64	7.70	7.41
Nondurable Goods	278.29	267.54	254.98	40.1	39.0	38.4	6.94	6.86	6.64

*Figures for Texas and selected areas cover Production Workers in Manufacturing and Mining Industries only and Nonsupervisory Employees in other industry divisions. Earnings' averages include premium pay for overtime, holidays, and for late-shift work. ±Preliminary -- subject to revision upon receipt of additional reports.
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Over 20,000 new jobs were created by various nonmanufacturing sectors in March, but the large losses related to oil and gas nullified much of this growth, holding the nonmanufacturing net gain to 8,700.

Services created almost 10,000 new jobs over the month, as every sector recorded some growth. The largest gains were in business and repair services, where cleaning and maintenance firms, personnel supply agencies, and protective services added substantial numbers of workers. For the first time since July 1985, construction employment rose in March, as 4,000 jobs were created. Employment in retail trade increased by 3,600, as the other retail trade sector recorded sizeable gains among eating and drinking places, and building materials and garden supplies advanced as outdoor activities accelerated. Smaller gains were noted in finance, insurance and real estate, as insurance carriers, agents and brokers added workers, and in the local sector of government.

Both sectors of manufacturing lost employment between February and March, with the largest downturns reported in durable goods. Aside from the large decline in oil field machinery, there were smaller losses in miscellaneous durable goods and in primary and fabricated metal industries. Moderate increases were recorded in electric and electronic equipment, in furniture and fixtures, and in stone, clay and glass products.

In nondurable goods, temporary seasonal layoffs dropped employment in apparel and other textile products by 1,300 in March and were also responsible for the deletion of 900 jobs in food and kindred products. The only sizeable increase in nondurable goods occurred in printing and publishing, which gained 500 jobs over the month. Other gains and losses within nondurable goods were insignificant.

HOURS AND EARNINGS RISE

The number of manufacturing production workers in Texas dropped by 2,600 between February and March, to an estimated 646,200. The average production worker in March worked a 41.3-hour week at $9.54 an hour, earning an average of $394.00 per week. Average weekly hours worked rose 0.6 hour over the month, while average hourly earnings rose by 5¢, pushing the average weekly earnings up by $7.76. Much of the increase in both hours worked and hourly earnings occurred in nondurable goods industries, as several sectors reported more overtime worked at premium pay. Most durable goods segments remained more or less unchanged over the month.

TEC ACTIVITIES

	Mar. 1986	Mar. 1985
Total Population	16,624,000	16,166,000*
% UI Covered Unemployment	2.1	1.7
UI Covered Employers	313,024	306,653
Total Claims Actions	683,979	513,792
Total Initial Claims Actions	85,162	63,786
Total Cont'd. Claims Actions	598,817	450,006
Avg. Weekly Benefit Amount	$153.60	$139.73
Total Amount Paid (Net)**	$78,337,934	$53,604,438
Total Placements	29,925	38,596

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**Regular State UI benefits.

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TEXAS
Labor Market Review

TEXAS EMPLOYMENT COMMISSION MAY 1986 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78778

UNEMPLOYMENT REMAINS HIGH

The Texas actual unemployment rate inched downward from 8.4 percent in March to 8.2 percent in April. This represented the highest rate recorded in April for any year since 1970. Total unemployment in the actual series declined by only 20,900 over the month, to 652,200 in mid-April. There were close to 150,000 more jobless Texans in April 1986 than there were in April 1985, and the rate was up almost two full percentage points. Employment totaled 7,329,900 in the actual series, about the same level it reached in February 1985 -- some 300,000 below its 1985 peak of 7,629,700 in July.

CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES
(In Thousands)

	Apr. 1986	Mar. 1986	Apr. 1985
United States (Actual)			
Labor Force	116,316.0	116,310.0	114,325.0
Unemployment	8,115.0	8,667.0	8,150.0
Percent Unemployed	7.0	7.5	7.1
Total Employment	108,201.0	107,643.0	106,175.0
United States (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	117,234.0	117,207.0	115,256.0
Unemployment	8,342.0	8,419.0	8,384.0
Percent Unemployed	7.1	7.2	7.3
Total Employment	108,892.0	108,788.0	106,872.0
State of Texas (Actual)			
Labor Force	7,982.1	7,977.5	8,002.4
Unemployment	652.2	673.1	504.7
Percent Unemployed	8.2	8.4	6.3
Total Employment	7,329.9	7,304.4	7,497.7
State of Texas (Seasonally Adjusted)			
Labor Force	8,027.0	8,003.0	8,047.0
Unemployment	685.0	646.0	537.0
Percent Unemployed	8.5	8.1	6.7
Total Employment	7,342.0	7,357.0	7,510.0

The seasonally adjusted series attempts to remove seasonal fluctuations that may mask underlying economic conditions. In this series, unemployment rose by 39,000 between March and April, pushing the rate up from 8.1 percent to 8.5 percent, while employment declined moderately. The U. S. seasonally adjusted rate edged downward from 7.2 percent to 7.1 percent over the month, while the actual rate declined from 7.5 percent to 7.0 percent in April.

WAGE AND SALARY JOBS DECLINE

Statewide nonagricultural wage and salary employment was reduced by 16,100 jobs over the past month, totaling 6,702,400 in mid-April. The count of nonfarm salaried jobs was only 38,000 above its year-ago level -- proof that the State's economy has eroded substantially during 1986 due to the oil and gas crisis. Downturns were common in April not only in mining (oil and gas extraction), but also in construction, government, transportation and utilities, and in manufacturing.

Another 12,700 jobs were deleted over the month in mining, as the price of foreign oil remained extremely low, suppressing demand for domestic products. Over 40,000 jobs have now been lost since April 1985, and the current level is 103,000 below the peak level for this industry, reached in January 1982.

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr. '86*	Mar. '86**	Apr. '85**	Apr. '86*	Mar. '86**	Apr. '85**	Apr. '86*	Mar. '86**	Apr. '85**
	ABILENE			AMARILLO			AUSTIN		
TOTAL	53,600	53,800	53,900	80,600	81,100	80,900	368,400	368,500	357,500
Manufacturing	5,400	5,400	5,400	9,800	10,100	9,800	40,700	40,900	42,100
Mining	3,500	3,700	4,100	1,500	1,500	1,900	1,100	1,100	1,100
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,800	3,700	3,800	4,500	25,800	25,800	27,800
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,700	2,700	2,700	6,000	6,000	6,500	11,400	11,500	10,200
Trade	14,400	14,300	14,200	24,400	24,500	23,700	82,100	82,200	79,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,800	2,800	2,800	4,500	4,400	4,600	25,700	25,300	23,900
Services & Misc.	13,800	13,800	13,700	16,400	16,100	15,900	84,800	84,600	79,300
Government	8,100	8,200	8,200	14,300	14,700	14,000	96,800	97,100	93,900
	BEAUMONT-PORT ARTHUR			BRAZORIA			BROWNSVILLE-HARLINGEN		
TOTAL	131,800	131,900	138,300	58,600	58,700	59,500	65,500	65,500	64,700
Manufacturing	25,900	26,100	28,600	15,800	15,900	17,000	8,800	9,000	9,500
Mining	1,900	2,000	2,600	1,800	1,900	2,000	100	100	100
Construction	8,600	8,600	9,700	6,300	6,400	6,200	3,200	3,300	3,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,800	10,000	10,500	2,100	2,000	2,200	3,300	3,300	3,500
Trade	32,600	32,400	33,100	11,300	11,200	11,300	18,600	18,600	18,200
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,500	5,500	5,800	2,300	2,300	2,300	3,500	3,500	3,400
Services & Misc.	27,400	27,200	27,900	8,200	8,200	8,100	13,100	12,900	12,300
Government	20,100	20,100	20,100	10,800	10,800	10,400	14,900	14,800	14,600
	BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION 2/			CORPUS CHRISTI			DALLAS 3/		
TOTAL	50,200	50,400	48,900	135,600	135,700	135,800	1,344.3	1,346.4	1,308.2
Manufacturing	3,300	3,500	3,500	12,400	12,500	13,300	233.4	234.7	232.3
Mining	1,000	1,000	1,200	6,600	6,700	8,000	23.4	23.3	23.9
Construction	3,000	3,000	2,900	11,400	11,300	11,200	83.9	84.8	85.4
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,500	7,700	7,700	7,400	86.1	85.7	82.7
Trade	11,300	11,100	10,500	34,500	34,600	34,100	355.6	357.6	345.8
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	2,100	7,000	6,900	7,000	131.5	131.0	125.5
Services & Misc.	7,600	7,700	7,300	28,000	28,000	27,400	287.4	286.0	277.2
Government	20,600	20,700	19,900	28,000	28,000	27,400	143.0	143.3	135.4
	EL PASO			FORT WORTH-ARLINGTON			GALVESTON-TEXAS CITY		
TOTAL	178,600	178,200	176,800	514,500	511,100	501,100	72,300	72,000	72,400
Manufacturing	34,700	34,600	36,200	116,700	116,900	113,200	9,900	10,100	10,500
Mining	400	400	300	4,000	4,200	4,500	600	600	800
Construction	9,100	9,200	9,100	33,500	32,800	33,900	2,900	2,800	3,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	9,400	9,400	9,600	27,700	27,300	26,200	5,400	5,500	5,700
Trade	45,200	45,000	43,900	137,500	136,700	133,600	13,700	13,500	13,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	9,300	9,300	9,000	28,300	27,900	27,500	4,700	4,700	4,500
Services & Misc.	34,400	34,000	32,200	104,800	103,500	100,700	13,100	12,700	12,800
Government	36,100	36,300	36,500	62,000	61,800	61,500	22,000	22,100	20,900

The reluctance of some lending institutions to commit money at lower interest rates to long-term financing has hurt the construction industry, which dropped by 3,500 in April. From its highest employment level in July 1985, construction has now declined by 20,900. Since many metropolitan areas have been over-built, both in housing and office space, prospects for this sector in the near future do not look promising.

State government lost 900 jobs in April; and federal government also posted moderate declines over the month. Local government remained basically unchanged, leaving government as a whole down 1,300 in April. A moderate increase in transportation, except railroads, was more than offset by equal-sized losses in communication and in electric, gas and sanitary services, pushing employment in transportation and public utilities down 400 from the March level.

The largest number of new hires occurred in the retail portion of trade, where food stores gained 4,200 positions over the month. Smaller growth occurred in general merchandise stores and in the other retail trade sector, which includes eating and drinking places. There were moderate decreases in automotive dealers and service

NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT 1/
TEXAS METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS

Industry	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**
	HOUSTON 3/		
TOTAL	1,488.4	1,491.8	1,480.1
Manufacturing	166.1	167.7	173.9
Mining	85.6	87.5	91.7
Construction	100.2	100.5	107.0
Trans., Comm., & Util.	100.1	100.0	99.4
Trade	371.7	373.9	377.0
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	114.2	112.4	107.7
Services & Misc.	357.5	356.8	342.6
Government	193.0	193.0	180.8
	LONGVIEW-MARSHALL		
TOTAL	68,300	68,800	68,700
Manufacturing	16,000	16,200	16,100
Mining	4,400	4,600	4,700
Construction	3,300	3,300	3,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,600	3,600	3,700
Trade	17,500	17,700	17,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,400	3,400	3,300
Services & Misc.	11,900	11,900	11,600
Government	8,200	8,100	8,400
	MIDLAND		
TOTAL	47,400	48,200	49,800
Manufacturing	3,700	3,700	3,800
Mining	9,700	10,400	11,600
Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,300	2,300	2,500
Trade	11,000	11,000	11,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,200	3,200	3,300
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,900	9,100
Government	6,400	6,400	6,100
	SAN ANTONIO		
TOTAL	487,700	488,200	481,100
Manufacturing	48,500	48,900	51,800
Mining	3,000	3,200	3,300
Construction	35,900	36,300	36,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	18,700	18,800	19,100
Trade	125,500	125,800	122,500
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	36,900	36,900	35,400
Services & Misc.	111,600	110,600	108,200
Government	107,600	107,700	103,900
	TYLER		
TOTAL	63,600	63,400	63,100
Manufacturing	11,500	11,400	12,200
Mining	2,300	2,500	3,000
Construction	2,900	2,900	2,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,100	3,100	3,000
Trade	17,400	17,300	16,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,900
Services & Misc.	13,400	13,200	12,800
Government	8,900	8,900	8,400
	WICHITA FALLS 2/		
TOTAL	51,700	51,800	51,700
Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	8,700
Mining	2,600	2,700	2,900
Construction	2,100	2,100	2,100
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	2,800
Trade	13,000	13,000	12,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	2,300	2,300	2,400
Services & Misc.	9,900	9,900	9,700
Government	10,500	10,500	10,500

Industry	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**
	KILLEEN-TEMPLE		
TOTAL	68,200	67,500	65,800
Manufacturing	8,900	8,900	8,500
Mining	100	100	100
Construction	3,900	3,700	3,900
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,800	2,800	3,000
Trade	16,400	16,100	16,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	3,000	3,000	2,900
Services & Misc.	13,300	13,200	12,200
Government	19,800	19,700	19,200
	LUBBOCK		
TOTAL	92,000	91,700	91,000
Manufacturing	7,100	7,100	8,400
Mining	400	400	500
Construction	4,600	4,600	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	4,400	4,500	4,500
Trade	27,700	27,600	26,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	5,400	5,400	5,600
Services & Misc.	20,100	19,900	19,500
Government	22,300	22,200	21,400
	ODESSA		
TOTAL	49,400	50,200	52,200
Manufacturing	4,700	4,800	5,200
Mining	7,500	8,000	9,000
Construction	2,600	2,600	3,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,500	2,500	2,600
Trade	14,400	14,600	14,800
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,300	8,300	8,000
Government	7,500	7,500	7,300
	SHERMAN-DENISON 2/		
TOTAL	37,200	37,400	37,400
Manufacturing	11,600	11,800	12,100
Mining	300	300	300
Construction	1,700	1,700	1,700
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,900	1,900	2,000
Trade	8,300	8,300	8,100
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,400	1,400	1,400
Services & Misc.	7,000	7,000	6,900
Government	5,000	5,000	4,900
	VICTORIA 2/		
TOTAL	28,300	28,900	30,100
Manufacturing	3,300	3,200	3,200
Mining	2,500	2,900	3,200
Construction	1,800	2,000	2,600
Trans., Comm., & Util.	1,500	1,500	1,600
Trade	7,900	8,100	8,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,500	1,500	1,700
Services & Misc.	5,400	5,400	5,500
Government	4,400	4,300	4,300

Industry	Apr.'86*	Mar.'86**	Apr.'85**
	LAREDO 2/		
TOTAL	34,900	35,100	34,300
Manufacturing	1,700	1,700	1,800
Mining	1,700	1,800	2,000
Construction	1,400	1,500	1,400
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,700	3,800	3,700
Trade	10,500	10,300	10,400
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,600	1,600	1,500
Services & Misc.	5,900	5,900	5,600
Government	8,400	8,500	7,900
	MCALLEN-EDINBURG-MISSION		
TOTAL	87,000	86,800	84,700
Manufacturing	11,900	11,700	11,500
Mining	1,300	1,300	1,600
Construction	4,500	4,500	4,500
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,600	2,600	2,700
Trade	27,500	27,300	25,900
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,100	4,100	3,900
Services & Misc.	13,200	13,500	12,900
Government	21,900	21,800	21,700
	SAN ANGELO 2/		
TOTAL	37,000	37,100	37,600
Manufacturing	5,600	5,700	5,600
Mining	700	700	900
Construction	2,300	2,200	2,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,000	3,000	3,100
Trade	9,300	9,400	9,600
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,900	1,800
Services & Misc.	7,500	7,400	7,700
Government	6,700	6,800	6,600
	TEXARKANA 2/		
TOTAL	45,300	45,000	45,600
Manufacturing	7,200	7,200	7,500
Mining	--	--	--
Construction	2,100	2,200	2,200
Trans., Comm., & Util.	2,000	2,000	2,100
Trade	10,900	10,700	10,700
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	1,900	1,800	1,900
Services & Misc.	8,800	8,700	8,500
Government	12,400	12,400	12,700
	WACO		
TOTAL	78,900	79,500	78,200
Manufacturing	16,100	16,800	16,300
Mining	200	200	200
Construction	4,700	4,700	4,300
Trans., Comm., & Util.	3,500	3,500	3,400
Trade	18,700	18,700	19,000
Fin., Ins., & Rl. Est.	4,700	4,700	4,800
Services & Misc.	18,900	18,800	18,300
Government	12,100	12,100	11,900

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1/ Estimates prepared by TEC in cooperation with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, with specified exceptions.
2/ Estimates prepared under the auspices of the Texas Employment Commission.
3/ In Thousands.